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The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

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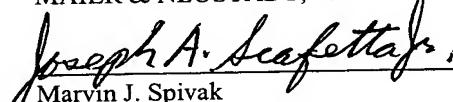
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AO (JP 2000-138350) on Form 1449:**

It shows that the oxygen barrier layer (TiO<sub>x</sub>) covering the ferroelectric capacitor prevents the barrier metal layer and the bottom electrode from oxidization.

**Reference AP (JP 2001-237393) on Form 1449:**

They apply the similar structure to prevent the ferroelectric capacitor from the degradation during the later processes (mainly, H<sub>2</sub>, H\* damages).

**Reference AQ (JP 11-514158) on Form 1449:**

It shows that the oxygen barrier layer (TiO<sub>x</sub> etc) covering the ferroelectric capacitor keeps the property from its degradation due to the oxygen transfer during forming gas annealing.

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	AO	2000-138350	05/16/2000	JAPAN	YES		X
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